

**REMARKS**

Claims 58, 116-121, 204, 206-209, 211-213, 223-231 and 239-252 were previously pending in this application. By this amendment, Applicant is canceling claims 239-252 without prejudice or disclaimer. As a result, claims 58, 116-121, 204, 206-209, 211-213 and 223-231 are pending for examination with claim 58 being an independent claim.

No new matter has been added.

**Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102**

Claims 239-252 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as allegedly being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,527,532.

Without conceding the correctness of the Examiner's rejection, Applicant has canceled claims 239-252 in the interest of expediting prosecution. The rejection is, therefore, believed to be moot.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicant respectfully thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 58, 116-121, 204, 206-209, 211-213 and 223-231 are allowed.

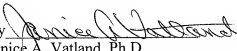
**CONCLUSION**

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the fees filed, asserted to be filed or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our Deposit Account No. 23/2825, under Docket No. M0656.70070US00.

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